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Supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed April 14, 2004, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the European Search Report transmitted by the European Patent Office for the European patent application corresponding to the above-identified application. You will note that the prior art cited was the same as that in the partial European Search Report submitted on April 14, 2004. Further discussion of the same is not deemed necessary at the present time.

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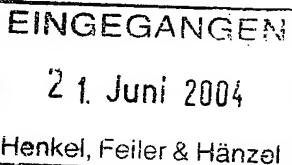
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COMMUNICATION

The European Patent Office herewith transmits

- the European search report
- the declaration under Rule 45 EPC
- the partial European search report under Rule 45 EPC
- the supplementary European search report concerning the international application under Article 157(2) EPC relating to the above-mentioned European patent application. Copies of the documents cited in the search report are enclosed.

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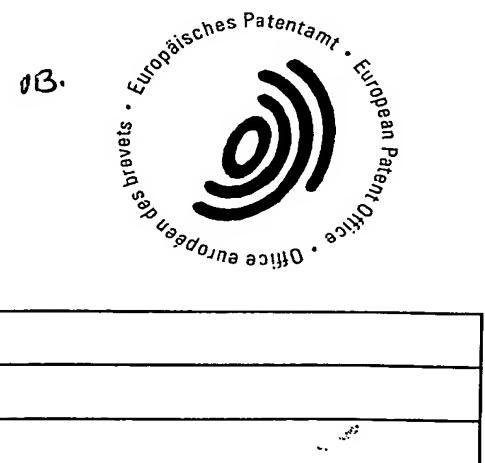
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Figure:

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The present European patent application comprised at the time of filing more than ten claims.

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The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. claims: 1-3

Radiographic image conversion panel comprising a support and at least one photostimulable phosphor layer formed on the support by vapor phase deposition, whereby the temperature of the support is controlled at a time of the deposition at 50-150°C.

2. claims: 4-6

Radiographic image conversion panel comprising a support and at least one photostimulable phosphor layer formed on the support by vapor phase deposition, wherein the phosphor layer is formed through a step of heating one face of the support and cooling the other face of the support when entering vapor flow (during vapor deposition).

3. claims: 7-9

Method for manufacturing a radiographic image conversion panel having a support and at least one photostimulable phosphor layer formed on the support by vapor phase deposition; the method comprises bending the support by adjusting a curvature radius, entering vapor flow including the photostimulable phosphor, forming the at least one photostimulable phosphor layer.



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